

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 3 -- 9 remain pending. In particular, Applicants have amended claim 7. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Telephone Interview

Applicants sincerely appreciate the time that the Examiner spent with Applicants' attorney discussing the pending claims. It is believed that agreement was made as to the allowability of the pending claims upon amending claim 7 as indicated above. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

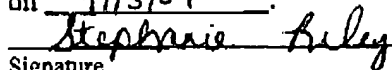


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